

**Minutes of the Dales Way Association
Committee Meeting – Saturday 10th Sept 2011
2pm in the Beckett Room, St Chad's, Headingley**

Present: Colin Speakman (Chair), Chris Musson, Carol Crossland, Douglas Cossar, Alex McManus, Don Holliday, Tony Grogan, Chris Grogan

Apologies for Absence: Frank Sanderson

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 26 February 2011 were approved as a correct record

1)Matters arising from these minutes and the minutes of the AGM not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda

Agreed: The 2012 AGM will be held in Ilkley on a Saturday in late October starting at 12 noon with a buffet lunch followed by the meeting at 1pm

The AGM will be advertised in the spring newsletter with a reminder in the autumn one

Accommodation providers will be specially invited

Action: Chris G to look for a venue

Alex to time autumn newsletter to come out before AGM

2)Sprint Mill Road diversion

The suggested diversion as outlined in Donald's report was discussed

Agreed: Proposed route is very good

DWA should contribute up to £2,000 to the costs on condition the path is a Right of Way or at very least a Permissive Path for at least 10 years

Action: Donald and Alex to progress

Congratulations to Donald and Alex for all their hard work

3)Footpath Officer's Report was discussed

Agreed: DWA will have a plaque on the new Crosdale Bridge

Action: Douglas to progress

Agreed: DWA delighted the Sutcliffe's have offered a copse opposite Studley Garth (Upper Dentdale) as a picnic spot for Dales Way walkers

DWA will contribute £50/£100 to the cost of a stile

A notice will be out up to tell people they can use the copse

Action: Alex to progress

Agreed: To discuss waymarking in villages with YDNP at annual meeting 4/10/11

Action: Alex to progress

4)Treasurer/Membership Secretary's Report was discussed

Agreed: DWA in a healthy financial situation

Agreed: Woven badges need replacing

Ask for sample – same design, more contrasting colours
Order 300 @ 72p

Action Carol to progress and consult when samples arrive

Agreed: Order new stock of Dales Way route guide

Action: Carol to progress

Agreed: Membership is declining

Action: Carol to send membership details with anyone ordering a badge or a handbook

Membership should be promoted on website

5)Web Master's Report was discussed

Agreed: To discuss the website content at the next committee meeting by which time the site should be available to us

To use the Dales Way Facebook page as much as possible to keep information up to date

Action: Chris M to make Tony and Chris G administrators of the Facebook page

6)Accommodation Providers Representative vacancy

Nikki has resigned due to pressure of work
Frank has offered to take on the role

Agreed: To write and thank Nikki for all her hard work

Action: Colin to progress

Agreed: Keeping accomodation information up to date and liaising with accomodation providers is a very big job

Alex has been visiting accomodation providers and leaving copies of dvd's, newsletters and membership forms with them. Alex cannot take this on as a job however

Ideally an accomodation provider should be the rep

Frank should be asked if he is happy with such a big task

Action: Colin to contact Frank

Agreed: An extra newsletter and a letter should go to the accomodation providers with the next newsletter asking them to put the newsletter in their bedrooms

Action: Alex to progress

7)Autumn Newsletter was discussed

Agreed Map of Watershed Alternative will be put in autumn newsletter

Alex will invite committee members to help stuff envelopes

No information that suggests the Dales Way Association is recommending or criticising a specific accomodation should be printed

Walkers should be encouraged to share their views about accomodation etc with others on Facebook

Action: Alex to progress

8)2012 Handbook was discussed

Agreed: A letter to accomodation providers to be sent asking for all changes to their handbook entry to be returned to Douglas by 1/12/11

Action: Carol to send letter and make sure replies go to Douglas directly

Agreed: Prices should be per person not per room

Facilities should be updated

Advertisers should be contacted

Carol and Douglas to decide how many to print

Action: Douglas to progress

All committee members to send information to Douglas before 1/12/11

9)Autumn Walk

RICK HILL - 01274-588616

Agreed: The autumn walk is on Saturday October 15th leaving Bradford Cathedral at 10am on the Bradford Link route

Walkers can join at Saltaire and the walk will finish at the Bar t'at in Ilkley

Action Chris G will send out press release

10)Date of next Committee Meeting

Agreed: Feb 18th Feb at 12 noon in St Chad's

Members to bring their lunch. Drinks will be provided

11)Any other business

YDNP want to sell the Sedbergh Information Centre

Agreed DWA should tell YDNP how important the Centre is and support the purchase by Sedbergh Parish Council

Action Colin will draft a letter for Carol to send

**Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Report for 10th September 2011
DWA Committee Meeting.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 4 MONTHS 1 April to 31 July 2011

Income	£1053.92	Expenditure	£1018.03
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Main items:

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	£679.00	Newsletter	£384.50
Donations	£183.50	Gen Expenses	£338.17
Handbook	£94.00	Seat Repair	£120.00
		General Postage	£113.86

Surplus at end of July	£35.89
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Total bank account balance at end July	£11,311.60
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Notes

Income from DVD orders for the period was £27.93.

Woven Badge stocks are getting low and I hope to have quotations for consideration at the meeting next week.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

12 new members during this reporting period. Membership currently stands at 405, following the usual audit, and removing any members who have not paid within the three months grace.

80% of payments made by standing order are at the new level. On receipt of the bank statement each month I am sending reminders in order to 'mop up' the remainder of payments made at the lower level.

Carol Crossland
2nd September 2011